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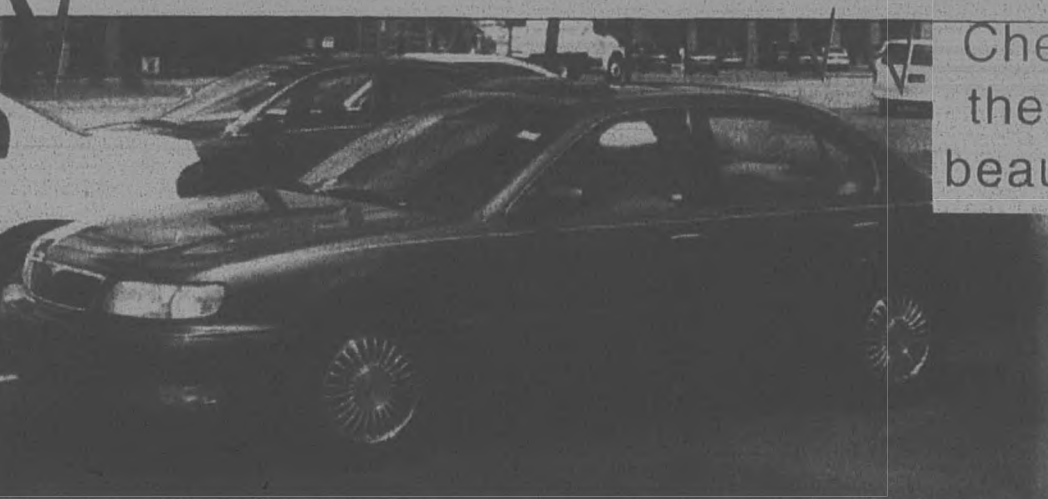


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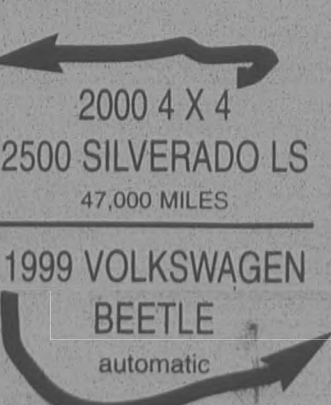
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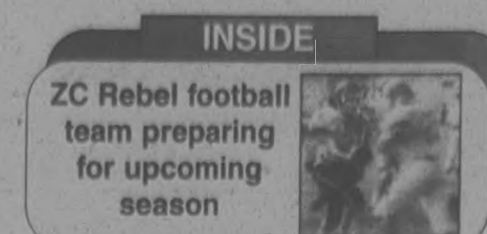
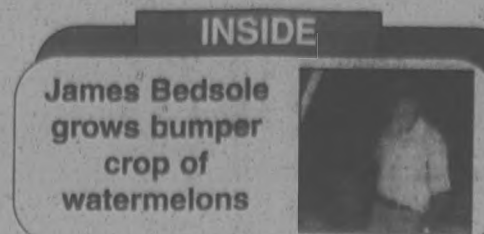
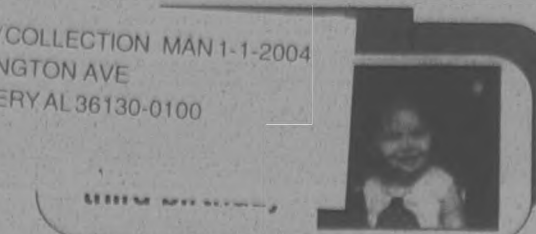
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Contracts awarded for Elba levee rehab project

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The wheels of government continue to turn, if not at the speed Elba citizens would like, they are turning in the right direction.

The Army Corp. of Engineers announced last Friday the official awarding of contracts on the long awaited \$12 million Elba levee rehab project. The successful bidder is LJC Construction Company of Dothan. Project Manager is Gene Oden, who now lives in Enterprise and was heavily involved with the Elba flood recovery efforts of 1998 while working with Hammer Construction Co.

Corp. of Engineers sources had said several weeks ago that they had received a number of good bids, and at least five of them had come in with prices well under construction cost estimates.

LJC Construction is a minority owned company, owned and managed by Lori Clark. She was featured several months ago in a Dothan Eagle article lauding her extensive, growing, and very successful work record on a large and varied number of government construction contracts.

Tuesday, Oden said he and the company were proud and pleased to be included in this major project. He explained that the company has done a lot of government work but this is different and very exciting.

In response to all Elba's ques-

tions of, "When are you going to start moving dirt," Oden said his answer was not going to be the one Elba people really wanted to hear because it could be as long as three months before any dirt is moved. He quickly listed a number of permits and other "red tape" items that must be completed before the work can legally begin.

A preconstruction meeting with the Corp. of Engineers is expected in the second week of September. A big hurdle that is already being addressed is preparing an application for an Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) permit on the company's plans for handling the waste water, and other runoff, from the project. Mr. Oden expects this to take three to four weeks at best.

He closed with an observation that typically these projects can take 90 days to get underway, and at best, it will take 60 days to get detailed permits and other paperwork ready and approved by the Corp. and other government regulatory agencies involved.

Much of the clearing work in the expanded levee right-of-way has already been done by City of Elba crews. They moved in as soon as deeds had been signed and cleared buildings, trees, etc. in an effort to speed the completion work and to cover as much of the local matching cost as possible with in-kind work.

FY2003 budget approved for Coffee County School System

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education centered its focus on the annual budget last Tuesday, Aug. 13, during a called meeting.

The board held public hearings concerning the annual budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 on Thursday, Aug. 8, and Tuesday, Aug. 13. At the conclusion of the second hearing on Tuesday, the board met in special session to approve the budget.

According to the adopted budget, school officials anticipate total annual revenues of \$12,463,810 and total expenditures of \$12,769,614.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram noted that expenditures are up approximately \$391,000. She said this is basically due to the three percent teacher pay raise already approved by state officials.

The beginning balance on Oct. 1 will be \$2,015,102 with the end balance on Sept. 30

being \$2,047,815.

Of the total \$12,463,810 in revenues, \$8,086,015 is state funds, \$1,725,520 is federal funds, \$2,592,894 is local funds and \$59,381 is from other sources.

The \$12,769,614 earmarked for expenditures is reached with \$7,308,760 going towards instructional services, \$1,667,450, for instructional support services, \$797,966 for operation and maintenance, \$1,716,021 for auxiliary services, \$624,994 for general administrative services, \$245,160 for capital outlay, \$291,013 for debt services and \$118,250 earmarked for other expenditures.

Ingram also delivered numbers regarding foundation program operation resources earned by school foundation funds. With this, she explained that foundation program operating

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...The Coffee County Courthouse in Elba is surely a true testament of time, and it reached a great milestone today (Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002). The building was dedicated Aug. 22, 1903 and remains intact today for its 99th birthday. Through the years, this courthouse building has endured three devastating floods (1929, 1990 and 1998) but proved that not even raging river waters could destroy the historical marker. Last week during the Coffee County Commission meeting, Commissioner Robert Stephens mentioned the milestone and said he feels a celebration should be held next year marking the 100th birthday of the building.

Foggy Bottom Classic brings back fond memories

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Football returns to Elba tomorrow evening (Friday, Aug. 23) when the Elba Tigers take on the Samson Tigers in a pre-season game known locally as the Second Annual Foggy Bottom Classic.

Now, this game may appear to be a simple pre-season scrimmage to allow the two teams an opportunity to see where they are in preparation for the upcoming season, but it is more than that to longtime Elba fans.

The game will be held at Miller Memorial Stadium which was home to the Elba Tigers until 1993 when the team played its first game at its new home, Tiger Stadium.

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Many have often been heard saying that they love the new

football stadium, but there was just something special about 'ole Foggy Bottom.

"Sports are a big thing in the South," said Marsha Oggs. "They are a great equalizer. It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from."

She said she moved to Elba with her family in 1963 when she was in the ninth grade, and it was evident that Elba already had a long football tradition.

Oggs said she participated as a cheerleader while in high school at Elba, and years later her own daughter was a cheerleader. She added that she also spent some time as the cheerleader sponsor at Elba High.

"That stadium represents a part of our heritage," she said in regards to Foggy Bottom. "In the 'good ole days' everybody went to the football games on Friday night."

Oggs said she remembers when she moved to Elba there were three things everybody

knew about the town: flowing wells, Dorsey Trailers and Foggy Bottom.

Through the years, Foggy Bottom remained an important part of Elba, and Herby McCall said he spent a lot of time down on the field at the stadium.

"I was a manager (for Coach Mack) Woods from my eighth to twelfth grade years," McCall said. "It's a unique atmosphere down there, and I have a lot of fond memories."

Loretta Martin graduated from Elba High School in 1993, the same year the high school program made its move to the new field, and she said she too

"I remember as a young girl being so excited on Friday because I knew we were going to the football game that evening," she said. "And I love hearing 'Eye of the Tiger' being played in that stadium because of the way it echoes."

When she first began coming to Elba football games, Kerry Johnson said she was overwhelmed by the community involvement.

"I moved from Virginia, and football wasn't a big deal there," she said. "However, it didn't take me long to figure out just how important it was here. As a matter of fact, as soon as I saw the parking lot the first time I came to a game, I knew this was something big."

She said she remembers feeling a sense of pride, tradition and community involvement as she watched football being played at Foggy Bottom.

"There's just something about that place that has a hold on those who were there and the

imagination of those who are now in school and hearing stories from their parents, and grandparents," Oggs said. "All my memories are good memories."

She said last year's pre-season game was proof that the people of Elba remain connected to Foggy Bottom.

After all, it was the first standing room only football game that Elba had experienced in quite some time.

"It brings back memories of when we were in high school," McCall said in regards to the game. "And I expect there will be another good crowd on hand Friday night."

Johnson's husband, Glenn played football for the Elba Tigers at Foggy Bottom, and she said he has already made it clear that he does not want to miss Friday's game.

"Glenn told me the other day that he doesn't want to miss any Elba games this year but he definitely doesn't want to miss the Foggy Bottom Classic," she said.

Martin concurred and said she believes the yearly contest will be a good thing for Elba because it gives the former graduates and supporters of Elba High School an opportunity to reflect back upon their cherished memories of Foggy Bottom while giving their children and grandchildren and opportunity to see how things use to be.

"It's kind of like an unofficial homecoming," said McCall.

The Second Annual Foggy Bottom Classic will get underway Friday evening, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium (Foggy Bottom).



Herby McCall



Marsha Oggs



Loretta Martin

Area Happenings

ELBA BAND BOOSTERS Fall Kickoff Meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 22 (TONIGHT), at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School band room.

COFFEE COUNTY NAACP #5017 Executive Board will meet Saturday, Aug. 24, at 9:30 a.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 10:30 a.m. at Johns Chapel AME Church in Enterprise. For more information call 393-6747.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

ELBA TSL CLUB will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Elba Country Club. The club is open to all Elba TSL and friends, and all are invited to come and enjoy the food and fun.

COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE will hold a Grand Opening of the Republican Headquarters Saturday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at 101 N. Main Street, Enterprise. Those candidates to be present include Congressman Terry Everett, Judge Paul Blackwell (Court of Criminal Appeals), candidate for State Auditor Ross Chapman, candidate for State Board of Education, Betty Peters, as well as local candidates. Refreshments will be served.



\$8,500 CHECK from the Southeast Alabama Gas Company is presented to Elba Mayor James Grimes, left, by City Councilman H. H. Culver who serves as Elba's representative on the municipal owned gas company. The money represents Elba's 2001-2002 share of the Economic Development Program Fund.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

First Annual Women's Conference to be hosted by The Women's Ministry at Wooten Assembly

The Women's Ministry of Wooten Chapel Assembly of God in New Brockton, Alabama will be hosting its first annual Women's Conference. The conference will be free of charge and will be at the church Thursday, August 22; Friday, August 23; and Saturday morning August 24.

Anecsa Hennen will be the

Thursday night speaker. Friday night the speaker will be Rhonda Daniels. Saturday morning a breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. and the service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sherry Johnson speaking.

For more information call 894-2133, 894-6532 or 894-8031.



Scripture: Proverbs 15:1-10

Thinking of you, praying for you. The Owens, Russell, Coleman, Askew, and Thigpen families. John Barnes, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Leo Henderson, Lovie Hooks, Homer C. Coleman, Juanita Brooks, Ella M. Brooks, Rev. E. Magwood, Edd Manning and the Flournoy family.

Remita Brooks - August 17, Tony Pinkard - August 17 and Alan Belcher - August 26. Faith Tabernacle Christian Center, 601 Gavin Street in Opp held Revival, August 21-23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

First Sunday message will be held Sunday, August 25, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. Philadelpha C.O.G.I.C. will hold annual Homecoming and Revival services Sunday, August 25, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. and August 26, 30 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be W.L. Green, Jr. Walton Beach, Fla.; the evangelist for the week will be J.L. Hutton.

The children of Rev. Elbert and Alice Freeman are honoring their parents with a 50th

Coffee Baptist Institute of Samford to begin classes on August 26 at the Coffee County Baptist Center

The Coffee Baptist Institute of Samford University will begin classes on Monday, August 26, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at the Coffee Baptist Center at 603 E. McKinnon in New Brockton. The Ten Commandments will be taught by Rev. Henry Johnson and 1 Corinthians will be taught by Dr. G. Lance Hoston.

Classes will continue through December 9, 2002. Scholarships are available to those who qualify. For more information call James Preachers at 347-6717 or Samford University Extension at (205)726-2731.

Southeast Alabama Singles Conference to be held at First Baptist in Dothan

Southeast Alabama Singles Conference "Maximizing Your Life" will be held at First Baptist Church-Dothan on August 23-24; featuring Dick

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Wedding Anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 24, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Rose Hill, Ala.

Poem My Best

To know that I have done my best. While I am among the living. To surrender myself to Jesus. And the Lord is proud of my giving.

Then I can come before the Lord. And know I am standing before Him. I know that I have done my best. And I ask the Lord to order my steps. Then I can come before the Lord.

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The Dennis Family

The Dennis Family to be in concert at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, August 24, 2002, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The featured group will be "The Dennis Family" from Millbrook, Alabama. The Dennis Family has been named Favorite Family Group Favorite Trio and Group of the Year by the Christian Country Music Association. For more information, please call 434-597-3378.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church plan Revival services for August 26-29

Revival services are planned at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2605 S. 29th Avenue, August 26-29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Special music is planned nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.

AIDB to host annual Deaf Awareness Day Festivities September 7

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind will be hosting the annual Deaf Awareness Day Festivities on Saturday, September 7, 2002, at the Wiregrass Commons Mall.

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LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Arts Alliance to present "Canto Bella" August 25

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present "Canto Bella" in concert on August 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise. Admission is free. Nancy Totman and Faye Schieffer, the two sopranos who make up "Canto Bella," will perform a program of Opera, Broadway tunes, and Hymns. Accompanying them on the key-board is Dr. Jean Bynum, who teaches piano and organ at Enterprise State Junior College. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the performance. For more information contact David Deal at 334-406-1617.

NEW ARRIVAL



Clay Parish Cotney

Parker Reunion to be held Saturday, August 24

The Parker reunion will be held Saturday, August 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala. The reunion will be held for the descendants and relatives of Peter Parker of North Carolina who settled in present day Basin Community of Coffee County in 1820. Attendees should bring a covered dish and/or a beverage. Bring family history information and old family pictures.

Larry and Lori Cotney (formerly Lori Marsh of Elba) announce the birth of their son, Clay Parish Cotney, born March 31, 2002. Clay weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Stan and DeLois Marsh of Elba, and Fred and Beth Cotney of Lakeland, Fla. Great-grandparents are Gwendolyn Marsh of Elba, Doyle and Grace Wilkerson of the Victoria Community, and Louvenia Pepper of Lakeland, Fla.

EHS Class of 1992 to hold 10 year class reunion

The Elba Class of 1992 will celebrate its 10-year reunion this year during Homecoming, October 18, 2002. The class is in the process of gathering all of the graduates' addresses. If there is a member of the graduating class of 1992, and no one has contacted them or a family member in regards to their current address, please call 684-0939, 671-8904, or 393-8824. Most of the addresses are known; however, there are a few that have been unable to locate. Festivities have been planned for October 18 and 19, and graduates should look to receive their information in about two weeks.

Faulk-Bledsoe wedding set for Saturday, August 31

Loree Marie Faulk and Robert Earl Bledsoe, together with their parents, Mr. Jack Faulk and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Bledsoe request the honor of your presence when they vow their lives to one another and become united in one Christ, on Saturday, August 31, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. at

Glenwood Baptist Church, Glenwood, Alabama.



Joseph Bentley Long

Bentley Long is three years old

Joseph Bentley Long, son of Victor and Whitney (Wise) Long of St. Simons Island, Ga., turned three on July 7, 2002. He celebrated his birthday with a pool party held at Sea Palms Golf and Tennis Resort. Grandparents are Robin Earl and Shirley Morgan of Enterprise, Ala.; John Long of Satsima, Fla.; Ron Long of Kingsland, Ga.; and the late James J. Wise, Jr. of Elba. Great grandparents are Mary Alice Wise of Elba and Mary Lacey of Red Level, Ala.

President's & Dean's list for summer semester announced by WCC

Wallace Community College recently announced the President's and Dean's lists for summer semester 2002. Students awarded to the President's list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours with a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0. Eligibility for the Dean's list is based on a GPA of 3.5 or higher, with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Those named to the President's list include Huey G. Daniels of Elba.

Those named to the Dean's list include Roshanda A. McKinnon and Kenneth J. Yelverton of Elba and Ronald Lavon Thorn of Kinston.



Miriam BayLee Bird

Dr. James Krudop to provide commencement address at MacArthur

Dr. James Krudop, interim president at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, will provide the commencement address for graduates of MacArthur State Technical College on Thursday, August 22, at the Opp High School Auditorium. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Graduates have earned a total of 187 awards, including degrees, diplomas and certificates during the 2001-2002 academic year.

Miriam BayLee Bird celebrates birthday recently

Miriam BayLee Bird celebrated her second birthday recently. She had a "Sesame Street" theme party with 20 family and friends in attendance. Miriam's parents are Senit and Michael Bird of Troy. Her grandparents are Col. James and Anna Thibodeaux of Ventress, La., and Chris and Sherri Bird of Montgomery.

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Signup for the direct and counter-cyclical program of crop years for 2002-2003 begins October 1

Signup for the direct and counter-cyclical program of crop years 2002 and 2003 begins Oct. 1, 2002, announced Danny F. Crawford, Alabama State Executive Director. USDA will begin making payments to farmers soon thereafter.

The 2002 Farm Bill provides for payments to be made to eligible producers of covered commodities and peanuts for the 2002 through 2007 crop years. Direct and counter-cyclical payments are made to producers with established crop bases and payment yields. Payment rates for direct payments are established by the 2002 Farm Bill and are issued regardless of market prices. Producers also are eligible for counter-cyclical payments, but payments are issued only if effective prices are less than the target prices set in the 2002 Farm Bill. The effective price is equal to the higher of the average loan rate or national average market price received by producers, plus the direct payment rate.

In July, letters were mailed to

farm owners and operators asking them to verify acreage history reported to FSA. Based on this information, a second letter will soon be sent to farm owners and operators providing them with several options unique to their farm for establishing or updating bases. The 2002-2007 base option include: (1) using the farm's 2002 production flexibility contract acres as the base acres; (2) adding cropland to the 2002 contract acres; and (3) using the farm's 1998-01 planted acres.

The letter will also inform owners that if they elect to update their bases using the farm's 1998-2001 planted acres, they will have the opportunity to use their current farm payment yield or to update their yields using the farm's 1998-2001 production. The updated yields may only be used for counter-cyclical payments. To update yields, owners or operators must provide verifiable production evidence. The letter will provide a date that owners and operators should begin providing base and

yield information to their FSA service center. Commodities eligible for both direct and counter-cyclical payments include wheat, corn, sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, rice, soybeans, sunflower seeds, canola, flaxseed, mustard, safflower, rapeseed, and peanuts.

USDA will soon make available an Internet-based tool to help producers understand their base and yield options.

Signup for the 2002 and 2003 direct and counter-cyclical program ends June 2, 2003.

Producers who have questions should contact their local USDA Service Center or FSA County Office. More information about 2002 Farm Bill issues is available at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

Area students make Dean's List for summer semester at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the summer semester honor rolls.

The Dean's List, compiled at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the semester. The summer semester list recognized 24 students including:

New Brockton—Michelle L. Anderson, New Brockton and Bonnie L. DeVaughn, Elba.

EXTRA EHS YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

Mrs. Julie Norris, yearbook sponsor and teacher at Elba High School announces that she has some extra 2002 yearbooks available for anyone interested in purchasing one. The price is \$28.00 per book.

They will also be available at the pre-season football game Friday Night that will be held at the old Elba High School Stadium.



Pictured L to R: William Burns - Lions Past District Governor, Supt. of Schools in Geneva, Gaylon McWaters, Harold Johnson, Hubert Gilbert, Lavon Ham, Ashley Johnson, James Kelley and Brian McLeod.

New officers announced by Elba Lions Club for 2002-2003

New Officers for the Elba Lions Club for 2002-2003 are: President—Glen McWaters, Immediate Past President—Richard Girdner, 1st Vice

President—Danny Turner, 2nd Vice President—Brian McLeod, 3rd Vice President—Ashley Johnson, Secretary—Ashley Johnson, Treasurer—James

Kelley, Tail Twister—Drexel Kelley, Lion Tamer—Lavon Ham, One Year Director—Hubert Gilbert and Two Year Director—Harold Johnson.

Ozark District A.M.E. churches to host celebration for Elder J. F.

The pastors, ministers and members of the Ozark District A.M.E. Churches will host a celebration in honor of Presiding Elder J. F. McLeod on Saturday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Parks Chapel A.M.E. Church in Dothan. This leader of the Ozark District and the South Alabama Conference of

the A.M.E. Church has served 41 years as pastor and 17 years as Presiding Elder in the Wiregrass Area, and is looking forward to beginning another conference year after the South Alabama Annual Conference is held Sep 11-14 at Parks Chapel, Dothan. Rev. McLeod has also served on the Enterprise School

Board and in other civic capacities. Anyone who to make make a presentation or pay tribute to him by contacting Rev. H. J. Fitchard, Jr. at 445-2460, Rev. F. L. Flowers at 393-1015, Faye McLeod at 774-8524, or Marge Simmons at 393-3827, RSVP by Aug 26.

Two additional human cases of West Nile virus infection reported in state

The Alabama Department of Public Health reports that two additional human cases of West Nile virus infection have been reported in the state. A 46-year-old Tuscaloosa County man has been confirmed with the virus, and a 46-year-old Montgomery County female is listed as a probable case. Both patients are recovering.

This brings the total number of human cases to five in 2002 in four counties. There are now 34 mosquito pools positive for West Nile virus in six counties, 252 WNV-positive birds, and five WNV-positive horses from

42 of Alabama's 67 counties.

These counts far exceed the level of virus activity reported in 2001, when 59 positive birds in 13 counties were detected, and none earlier than the end of August. In 2001 Alabama experienced two human cases of West Nile virus infection, one of which was fatal.

The Department of Public Health will continue its efforts to inform the public about the importance of personal protection measures individuals can take to reduce their risks of being bitten by infected mosquitoes. In addition, the department will distribute additional information to hospitals and clinics about this disease and the availability of tests for human cases.

WNV and other mosquito-borne viruses such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis are transmitted from bird to mosquito to bird. Occasionally, the same mosquitoes will take blood from mammals, including humans and horses. Mosquitoes pick up the virus by feeding on the blood of infected birds. The disease cannot be spread from person to person or from animals to people.

Since mosquitoes are commonly found throughout much of Alabama, health officials offer these practical strategies for the mosquito season:

• Wear loose fitting, light colored clothes to help prevent mosquitoes from reaching the skin and to retain less heat, making yourself less "attractive" to mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are more attracted to dark colors.

• When possible, wear long sleeves and long pants.

• Avoid perfumes, colognes, fragrant hair sprays, lotions and soaps, which attract mosquitoes.

PERSONAL PROTECTION: CLOTHING AND AROMATICS

• Follow the label instructions when applying repellents. Permethrin repellents are only for clothes - not for application on the skin.

• When using repellents avoid contact with eyes, lips and nasal membranes.

• Use concentrations of less than 10 percent when applying DEET-containing products on

the skin. • Citronella candles and repellents containing citronella can help, but their range is limited.

• Herbs such as cedar, geranium, pennyroyal, lavender, cinnamon, and garlic are not very effective.

PERSONAL PROTECTION: AROUND THE HOME

• Mosquito activity peaks at dusk and again at dawn; restrict outdoor activity during these hours.

• Keep windows and door screens in good condition.

• Replace porch lights with yellow light bulbs that will attract fewer insects.

• Mosquitoes breed in standing water; empty all water from old tires, cans, jars, buckets, drums, plastic wading pools, toys, and other containers.

• Clean clogged gutters.

• Remove the rim from potted plants and replace water in plant/flower vases weekly.

• Replenish pet watering dishes daily and rinse bird baths twice weekly.

• Fill tree holes and depressions left by fallen trees with dirt or sand.

• Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito fish or use larvicide "doughnuts."

ESJC Community Chorus needs participants

Those who love to sing may join Enterprise State Junior College's Community Chorus. Participants, along with the ESJC Singers, will present a performance in December. The Chorus meets on Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., September 23-December 2. There is a \$10.00 fee for this course. Interested persons may register at any time. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Zion Chapel Rebel Band dedicated to excellence

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Years ago, the Zion Chapel High School Rebel Band created a tradition of excellence that was recognized throughout Southeast Alabama. Today, the band members are continuing that tradition through their dedication and hard work.

The Rebel band is not unlike many others as it has been forced to overcome several years of being down in numbers; however, through the leadership of band director Michael Bird, the band seems to be rejuvenated.

Bird, a graduate of Troy State University, has been director of bands at Zion Chapel for the past five years, and he said the program has gradually worked to overcome an all time low.

One indication of this is the fact that the band has gone from having less than 20 members when Bird came to Zion Chapel to having more than 50 members this year. Bird said this year's band will be the largest Zion Chapel has fielded since the late 1980s, and band members have been preparing for the



Members of the Zion Chapel High School Rebel Band withstand the afternoon heat Thursday, Aug. 15, as they practice the music and steps for the halftime show they will deliver every Friday night during the upcoming 2002 football season. Not only will the show be performed at football games, but the band will also attend other events during the marching season.

upcoming marching season since mid-July when they reported to band camp.

This year's halftime show will consist of the following: Zion Chapel Fanfare, Aztec

Fire, Trash Can Drum Solo, Hold On I'm Comin', It Is Well With My Soul and the ever popular, Dixie Fight Song.

And, although the band continues to prepare for its role with football season, Bird quickly notes that football is not the only thing on the band's agenda during the marching season.

He said the band will participate in two marching contests, a parade and Troy State University's Band Day.

"This year, we are pleased to have such positive attitudes,"

Bird said. "And, as always, the support from the community has been great."

The Zion Chapel Marching Rebel Band will hit the field Friday, Aug. 30, for the first football game of the season when the Rebels take on the New Brockton High School Gamecocks, and the band members hope to deliver a performance that will remind everyone that the tradition of excellence still remains within the Zion Chapel High School Rebel Band.

ESJC News

***Enterprise State Junior College's offers Introductory Sign Language this fall. This workshop will teach you basic sign language skills which can be used to communicate with hearing impaired children and/or adults. American Sign Language (ASL) and deaf awareness topics will also be presented. A notebook containing approximately 335.00 must be purchased at the first class. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is September 3. The workshop will be held on Tuesdays, September 10, October 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

***Challenge your creativity with Pottery Shoppe! This special interest course at Enterprise State Junior College is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay as well as for those who have worked with clay in the past. Each student will complete at least one piece of hand-built pottery and must purchase a pottery wheel for \$20.00 at the first session. Pottery master David Plankett will be teaching this course which will be held on Mondays, 3:30-7:30 p.m., September 9, October 14. The registration deadline is September 3. There is a \$35.00 fee for the course.

For more information on these and other courses, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

As a first step, the Success Specialist felt that public relations were an important element. A cover letter was developed with a brochure that explained to students and parents what the program was all about. A similar brochure was printed to give to businesses, which would be their partners in this endeavor. After extensive training and working with the local employment service centers Coffee County began the eligibility process.

At the end of May, 2002, 77 students were certified and hopefully they will have over

Elba Elementary School Menu Aug. 26 - 30, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti w/Meat sauce, Buttered Carrots, English Peas, Sliced Peaches, Crackers, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles and Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Filled Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Cakes, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuits & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Corn dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Burrito w/ Cheese, Rice, Green Salad, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Black-eyed Peas, Applesauce, Roll, Milk

Coffee County and Elba school systems implement the NETWORK

The NETWORK is a program which was developed out of a federally funded grant through the Workforce Investment Act. It is an in-school remediation service designed for the students of the Coffee County School system and the Elba City schools.

The NETWORK is an acronym for Networking Enhances the Work of Resourceful Kids. This program will use computer-assisted instruction as well as teacher-directed instruction.

An important element of the program focuses on the establishment of a NETWORK student organization. Led by the Success Specialist, the NETWORK organization will provide a

platform for the students to actively participate in learning that will enhance the student's lives and lead to a successful future.

As a first step, the Success Specialist felt that public relations were an important element. A cover letter was developed with a brochure that explained to students and parents what the program was all about. A similar brochure was printed to give to businesses, which would be their partners in this endeavor. After extensive training and working with the local employment service centers Coffee County began the eligibility process.

At the end of May, 2002, 77 students were certified and hopefully they will have over

100 before the end of first semester of the new school year. One of their projects this summer was to offer remediation for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

The week of July 15, Coffee County schools opened their labs for WIA students. Using the Pace Software, which correlates with the Alabama Course of Study and the AHSGE, along with a series of books titled, *Passing the New Alabama Graduation Examination*, their students brushed up on their skills. They worked individually or with partners, under the supervision of a WIA certified instructor.

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Battens Volunteer Fire Department 347-7222 or 308-9456; Elba Fire Department 897-2222; Five Star Volunteer Fire Department 735-3185; Goodman Volunteer Fire Department 393-5771; Ino Volunteer Fire Department 897-3826; Kinston Volunteer Fire Department 565-3149

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From,
The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Family

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Anyone that thinks school lasts from 8:00 until 3:00 either doesn't have kids in school or isn't home in the afternoons when the kids make it in. Melame is in the eighth grade this year and her typical school day begins with leaving the house at 7:00 AM and doesn't end until someone goes and gets her at 5:00 PM. These long days are because of volleyball and cheerleader practices that are held at least four afternoons a week, and pretty soon her nights will also get busy as the junior high football team will kick off its season and the volleyball season will also tip-off. Any free time on Friday nights is also gone for at least the next eleven weeks thanks to high school football games, which leaves only the weekends to recover. Hey, maybe now I know why she sleeps in on Saturday mornings!

DUSTING OFF THE DUSK....

The second annual Foggy Bottom Classic will be held on Friday night at Miller Memorial Stadium and all true Elba Tiger football fans should make plans to head down to the banks of the Fox River and pay a visit to the stadium and see a preview of the 2002 season when the Elba Tigers tangle with the Samson Tigers. The stadium is still as pretty as it was back in 1992 when the Tigers played their final game in the stadium in the fourth round of the state playoffs en route to the '95 state championship, and there is still something special about watching a football game in the stadium where the Tigers snapped Ashland's long winning streak and held their epic battles against Enterprise, Pike County, Opp and other long-time football rivals. The Tigers moved to their new home back in '93 and have started to build a new tradition in Tiger Stadium. However, the rich history of Elba Tiger football was born down at Miller Memorial and it will always be a huge part of Elba Tiger football tradition. The annual visits to play preseason games will keep these memories alive for future generations, and help keep the stadium alive, as well. C'mon Tiger fans, let's pack the place Friday night and show Samson that football in Elba is still alive and well.

The Troy State University media guide arrived last week, and while Troy State hasn't exactly been the next stop for Elba High football players in recent years, a look at the guide made it clear that the Trojans once counted on the Tigers to help them be winners on the gridiron. Ted Horsted played fullback at Troy State from 1983-1986 and is still the Trojans' All-Time leading rusher with 2,926 yards on 638 carries. Horsted also scored 11 touchdowns during his career, and was named All-Gulf South Conference in both 1984 and 1985. Gary Bradshaw was also a four-year letterman for the Trojans from 1980-83, and was named All-GSC in 1983 as a defensive end. Other Elba Tigers listed on the Trojans roster included Bo Boyd (1996-98), Don Brunson (1986), Eddie Bryan (1967-68), Wayland DuRose (1948), Harold Ferris (1952-53), Rudy Flee (1997), Ray Flowers (1951), Wayne Flowers (1973), Ray Knight (1951), Earl McCollough (1959), John Morrow (1951-52), James Nelson (1956), Roland Powell (1956), Ferrell Smith (1965), Jackie Stoumenick (1992-93-94-95) and Reznald Worrell (1951). I guess there can be no doubt that Elba once played a large role in the success of Troy State football.

The Elba Athletic Club held its annual "Meet The Tigers" football fan Friday night at the Elba High lunch room and an overflow crowd was on hand to eat hamburgers and meet the members of the Elba Tiger football, junior high football, volleyball and cheerleading squads. It was easy to see that the athletic program at Elba High is growing in numbers in all sports, and was great to see the number of parents and supporters that came out to show their support and join the Athletic Club. The athletic program at Elba High can't win on or off the field without the support of the community, and it was clear to see that the support is there. If you haven't joined the Athletic Club do so today by calling Elba High School at 897-2266, or by mailing a check for \$50 to Elba High and enclosing your name and address. Do it today!

*** I have listened to the talk from the owners and players in Major League Baseball and can't help but believe that the talk of a strike is nothing but a case of greed on the side of both parties. The players are making more money than ever before to play a game designed for kids, while the owners are making millions of dollars a year no matter how good or bad their teams may be. The catch is that the players are afraid that if a so-called salary cap is put in place, the owners will then have an excuse to limit their contracts, while at the same time making even more money for themselves. I am sorry, but if anyone thinks I care about millionaires striking against billionaires over the game of baseball they are very wrong.

*** University of Alabama officials argued their case in front of the NCAA appeals committee last week trying to get some of the sanctions placed against the Crimson Tide football program reduced, or eliminated. Alabama officials are right when they argue that the statute of limitations had expired concerning any violations in one case, and are right again when they point out that there was no charge about a lack of institutional control and that the NCAA violated its own regulations by using testimony from a secret witness. However, the Alabama officials still must remember that the NCAA is not run on a democratic principal and over the years has grown into a monster that answers to no one. Maybe the time has finally come for the colleges to wise up and regain control of the NCAA before the organization put in place to police college athletics puts everyone in jail and leads to the end of college athletics as it is now known.

*** In closing... I have talked with the area coaches and next week will share with you their views concerning the upcoming high school football season. The coaches are all very busy this time of the year, but have been gracious enough to give me a few minutes of their time to talk football, and whether you believe it or not, the 2002 season is here.

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In second annual Foggy Bottom Classic

Elba Tigers to tangle with Samson Tigers Friday night at Miller Memorial Stadium

The Elba Tigers will make their annual trek to Miller Memorial Stadium Friday night when they battle the Samson Tigers in a preseason football contest billed as the "Foggy Bottom Classic."

The game will kickoff at 7:00 PM, with the varsity teams from both schools to play the first three quarters and the two junior varsity squads to meet in the fourth quarter of action.

"This preseason game is a fund-raiser for the athletic program at Elba High and provides all the programs with much-needed assistance," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "However, it has quickly become much more for everyone associated with Elba Tiger football: the chance to return to Miller Stadium, the home of the Tigers for over fifty years, and the home field for the 1989 and 1992 state champions. All our players grew up playing in the youth leagues down at Miller and watched high school games there years ago, and it is a special place for a lot of people. It is an honor to get the chance to return to the stadium to play this preseason game and I hope all Elba fans take advantage of the opportunity and fill

the stadium Friday night to show their support of the Elba High School athletic program and the Elba Tigers.

While the game is a preseason contest and will not count toward either team's record, Coach Waters feels the game is important to his team and to the coaches.

"It is a preseason game and our goal is to play every single player dressed out and to find out what we need to work on," added Waters. "At the same time, you do your best and try to win every time you take the field, and the players are excited about playing the game and they had better play hard and play to win. We are going to get a lot of players into the game and get them on film so we can evaluate their skills in an actual game-type atmosphere, but at the same time we are going to try and give the players a game plan that can lead to a win on the scoreboard. We will run our base offense and base defense and look for execution and timing, and may use a few different formations to try a few things we may use later on in the season. We will use three different quarterbacks and a lot of different running backs, and will really take a long look at the men in

the line on both sides of the ball. We had to rebuild our line and we have some youngsters that will have to step up in a hurry. This game will give us as coaches a gauge on just how far they have come, and what work we still have left to do."

"Samson beat us the last time they came up here in 2000 and I am sure they want to use this game as a springboard to give them confidence for the beginning of the season," said Waters. "They had a young team last season and still played us hard for all four quarters, and I expect them to come to Elba Friday night looking to win the football game. Samson is a 2A school and we are a 3A school. So, they have nothing to lose and will give it their very best shot to grab a win in preseason action. I expect a very hotly contested game and just hope we can play well and give our fans something to get excited about. This won't be anything like last year's game when we over-powered Zion Chapel."

"Miller Memorial Stadium is still one of the prettiest high school football stadiums in the state and is where Elba Tiger tradition was born," stated Coach Waters. "This is the ten-year anniversary of the 1992



Mike Waters

state championship team, and that team won the final regular game ever played in the stadium in the semifinals of the state playoffs. We won last year in our first preseason visit to the stadium, and will do our best to add another win to the rich history of the stadium Friday night. Again, I urge all Elba Tiger football fans to come down to Miller Memorial Stadium Friday night to pay a visit to the old stadium and to show your support for this year's Elba Tigers."

Looking to take step forward Friday night

Elba Tigers still have work to do before being ready for season opener on August 30 against Brantley

The Elba Tigers out the wraps on their second week of preseason football drills last week, and with the beginning of the regular season quickly closing in, Coach Mike Waters reported that his team still has a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

"We had some good things happen last week and some players step forward as leaders," said Waters, "but we still have a lot of work to do and our players will have to work hard to be ready this Friday night against Samson and next week against Brantley. On offense we have looked good at times doing certain things, and not so good at other times doing other things. The same is true on defense,

where we should be strong. I know the players are getting tired of butting heads with each other and are looking forward to the preseason game Friday night. However, as a team we still have a lot of work to do before we are going to be able to compete night in and night out with the people on our schedule."

"This week we will continue to work on the fundamentals every time we hit the practice field," added Waters, "and try to get better on our base offense and defense. We have enough experience to not make mistakes in our base packages, but we seem to still make too many in practice, and that has to end real soon. We aren't going to try and

work a lot on any wrinkles until we can run our base offense and defense without making mistakes. This week we should start to get our game faces on and step it up a notch in practice."

When asked about Friday night's preseason game against Samson, Coach Waters stated, "We are going to keep it simple and try to polish up on our base packages on both sides of the football. We have had to fill some holes on both offense and defense, and Friday night will let us know how far we have come in those efforts. We aren't going to do anything fancy, but I will be surprised and very disappointed if we don't get other folks and get after the football on every play."

Sports staff expanded for high school football

With the kick off of the high school football season only one week away, The Elba Clipper has once again put in place an expanded sports staff to provide its readers complete coverage of the upcoming season.

Sports Editor Ricky Mularz and photographer Mike Capps

will once again cover the Elba Tigers, while Greg Brunson will report on the Brantley Bulldogs. Tony Kelley will cover the Kinston Bulldogs. Robby Kinsaul will follow the New Brockton Gamecocks and Chris Winters will travel with the Zion Chapel Rebels.

This staff of reporters will provide weekly game recaps and pictures of all Friday night contests and will do their best to give the players and fans the coverage they so richly deserve.

SPORTS

Kinston Bulldogs to compete Friday night in four-team jamboree at Houston County

The Kinston Bulldogs have an open date on their 2002 football schedule and won't kick off their regular season until the second week of the season on September 6. However, the Bulldogs will give their fans a preview of things to come on Friday night when they travel to Houston County High School to take part in a four-team football jamboree.

The preseason jamboree will kick off at 6:30 PM and will feature the Kinston Bulldogs and Houston County Lions combining to battle the Florida Wildcats and the Barbour County Jaguars. The teams will swap playing offense and defense in each quarter, and the game will consist of four quarters.

"I am really glad we were able to find a preseason game to get in," said Kinston's Coach Gary Glass. "We have an open date the opening week of the season, and this will give the players a chance to compete in a game-type scrimmage and give us as coaches an opportunity to evaluate the players and then go back to the practice field and work on our weaknesses."

Having two weeks before the first game will give us plenty of time to correct our mistakes, and make any position changes that might be necessary. The players have worked hard all summer and have put in some long hours of work since they put on the pads, and this game will give them the chance to hit some body else and see for them-

selves just how ready to play they really are."

"We play Houston County in our season opener on September 6," added Coach Glass, "which makes playing in the game a little unusual. However, since we will be on the same teams it will give us a chance to concentrate on Florida and Barbour County. We as coaches will take a peek at Houston County and will get a free scouting report, but their coaches will get the same opportunity when we are on the field. Even though we play Houston County in our first game, there can be no negatives in this game, and we are looking forward to taking the field and getting after someone else for a change."



REBEL REVERSE.... A Zion Chapel player hands off to an approaching teammate during a recent practice. The Rebels have been working hard for their Aug. 30 season opener at home against New Brockton and report a large number of players and high spirits as the season opener approaches.

At South Alabama Speedway

Kevin Peel continues his winning ways

By Mark Chisum

Kevin Peel has been at the front of South Alabama Speedway's Modified class all season. He continued his winning ways Saturday night, taking the win in a special 50-lap Modified Feature.

Peel set fast time in qualifying, but lined up fourth after inversion. Curtis Galbreath took the lead from his outside front row starting spot and led the first half of the race. Peel moved into second on lap 8, and began his assault on Galbreath. He made his move after a lap 25 restart, taking the lead on the 26th circuit. Peel survived two more cautions to take his 13th win of the season. Galbreath finished second with Mike Johnson third, Mike Hasty fourth, and Doug Rogers fifth.

In another exciting Super Stock feature, Scott Anderson scored his tenth feature win of the season. Jerry Weathering held the lead for the first 14 laps as Anderson moved for the win through the field from his seventh place starting spot. Anderson took the lead from Weathering on the 15th lap and pulled away for the win. As Anderson took the checkered flag ahead of David Ashley, third place Weathering spun coming out of turn four, causing a major pile up, as drivers weren't able to see through the cloud of smoke. Weathering collected Jody Henderson and Bill Brown, running fifth, spun across the line third. Tommy Adams came across the line fourth, and Tony Kelly finished fifth.

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Bowers for the win. Bowers was able to close to Martin's bumper, but Martin was able to run his groove and hold off the challenge. Robby Gill finished third with Chad Roberts fourth, and Tim Hudson fifth.

Ricky Osborn passed Perry Boin for the lead on lap nine to take the win in the Roadrunner Feature. After clearing Boin, Osborn pulled away to a comfortable margin and was never challenged. Boin finished second, Jason Singletary third, Larry Roberts fourth, and Kim Bishop fifth.

In a special appearance by the Alabama Dwarf Car Series, Jimmy McDonald took the win in the 20-lap Feature. McDonald passed Robert Hamm on lap 12 after Hamm had led the first part of the race. Phillip Clevenger finished third ahead of Paul Miller and Phil Riley.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com.

Results

Super Stock

1. Scotty Anderson
2. David Ashley
3. Bill Brown
4. Tommy Adams
5. Roy Childs
6. Ken Pettis
7. Jerry Weathering
8. Jody Henderson
9. Harold Hurt
10. Charles Cotton
11. Ray Hudson
12. DNS Rick Northey

Modified

1. Kevin Peel
2. Curtis Galbreath
3. Mike Johnson

Street Stock

1. Brian Martin
2. Jamie Ater
3. Robby Gill
4. Chad Roberts
5. Tim Hudson
6. Scott Whitehead
7. Scott Morse
8. Ken Adkins
9. Ricky Osborn
10. Jeff Godwin
11. Jacob Perimeter
12. Kenny Parker
13. Jeff Darby
14. Jeff Darby
15. Nick Rogers
16. Teddy Sasser
17. JC Stewart

Roadrunner

1. Ricky Osborn
2. Perry Boin
3. Jason Singletary
4. Larry Roberts
5. Kim Bishop
6. Gary Morse
7. Robert Colman
8. John Singletary
9. Ben Baxley
10. Sam Smith
11. Todd Boswell
12. DNS David Tichnell

Alabama Dwarf Cars

1. Jimmy McDonald
2. Robert Hamm
3. Phillip Clevenger
4. Paul Miller
5. Phil Riley
6. Mary Garrett
7. Paul Knight
8. Devin Danner
9. Tim Armstrong
10. Jeff Danner

TSU rodeo team to compete at Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic in Ozark

Rodeo fans from the Wiregrass can get a sneak peek of the new Troy State University Rodeo Team Aug. 23-24, at the 8th Annual South Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic sponsored by the Dale County Young Farmers in Ozark.

Gates at the park open at 6 p.m. and the rodeo performance begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night at Stegall Park in downtown Ozark. TSU Rodeo Coach Rick Jones says rodeo fans will get their money's worth at the Classic because many of the TSU students have been competing professionally for several years.



Ryan Kasnitz rides bull.

"We're really pleased with the quality of student athletes we've been able to attract to TSU," Jones said. "Even though this is Troy State's first year to have a rodeo team, I expect us to be competitive on a national level. We have 35 students who've already committed to the team, and I expect that number to increase, as the university's rodeo program becomes well known."

Jones said about 20 TSU students will compete in the Classic in events such as bull riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, breakaway roping and barrel racing.

"Collegiate opportunities for high school rodeo athletes in the Southeast are limited," Hawkins said. "The TSU program can meet a significant need while providing a quality education coupled with personal and professional growth. The intercollegiate rodeo program will encourage these athletes to continue their education beyond high school and to maintain an academic performance that allows them to compete in college rodeo."

Jones said he along with students and staff members from TSU would be on hand at the Classic to answer questions about the rodeo program. "We're still looking for students who want to be a part of our team and for sponsors to help support the program."



Ryan Kasnitz rides bull.

Jones said, "Rodeo is different from many college sports because there is no limit to the number of athletes who can participate and students can compete professionally while still in college."

For more information about the TSU Rodeo Team, visit the TSU website at <http://www.troy.edu/athletics/rodeo>.

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Lot Number 9, in Block 4, Mulberry Heights, Elba, Alabama, said lot being 25 feet on front and extending back to alley, together with all the improvements thereon.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

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Dated this 20th day of August, 2002:

Attest: W. Kelley
Jeff W. Kelley
Attorney for Peoples Bank of Coffee County
P.O. Box 509
Elba, Alabama 36323
(334) 897-8778
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You will TAKE NOTICE that Rickie P. Mack as Administrator of the Estate of James A. Mack, deceased, has filed a Petition to Sell Real Estate for the payment of Debts of the estate.

The Probate Court for Coffee County has set a hearing on this cause on the 24th day of September, 2002, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., at the Court House of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama.

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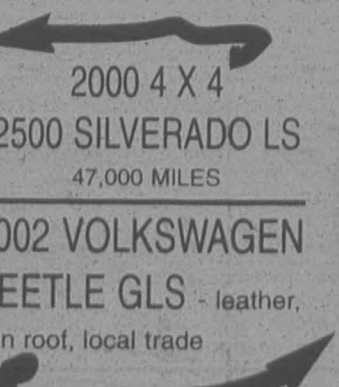
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Crooked bridge removal project started then halted

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Official word arrived last week that the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) would permanently close Alabama Highway 125 at Whitewater Creek in Elba on Tuesday, Aug. 27, to allow the removal of the bridge locally known as the "crooked bridge." DOT officials announced that Grady Ralls and Sons Inc. had been contracted to complete the project, and the estimated time for the removal of the bridge would be 50 working days. Construction warning signs were erected along the road ways leading to the bridge, and the project appeared to be on track.

Elba looking at increased budget expenses for the year 2002-2003

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council will have a meeting Monday night, Aug. 26, to discuss the 2002-2003 budget. This new budget shows an increase of \$145,000. The increases include employee merit raises; increase in health insurance; a slight increase in fire department, police, capitol expenditures and debt retirement. Recreation cost also increased by about \$1,000. The mayor told council members, "Hopefully with the levee project and other things happening in Elba, we can expect to see an increase in sales tax revenue. If not, we will have to cut our spending next year."

The council approved amendments to several ordinances that are designed to add protection from mosquito born diseases. City Attorney Jeff Kelley explained to council members that there is a need to adjust the city's employee manual. A section that requires supervisory jobs applicants to have job experience with Elba needs to be rewritten. However, Elba will continue to "look within first."

Mayor James Grimes reported that income is slightly higher than projections, but so are expenses. He added that overall the city is in good financial shape. Grimes also gave council members a copy of a proposed During Coffee County Commission meeting

County resident accuses Brooks of disrupting commission agenda

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 26, of the Coffee County Commission seemed as though it would be a routine one until a verbal disagreement began to get out of hand.

Ronnie Kennington, a Coffee County resident, requested permission to address the commission to discuss commissioner requirements, and he immediately pointed out that he was in attendance for Monday's meeting on his own accord without the encouragement of another party. However, Kennington said he had discussed his issue with other county residents, and they seemed to have the same feeling as he did.

FOEPL proves beneficial for library

Since its inception, FOEPL (Friends of the Elba Public Library) has proven to be very beneficial to the Elba Public Library, and librarian Kay Wilson said the library needs its friends now more than ever. "Friends of the Library" is made up of a group of people who are interested in the continued growth of the library while helping to expand the services of the library and make others aware of those services.

Wilson said Friends of the Library is a good program for anyone who wants to become involved with the library. "We are working on some programs here that need the help of FOEPL," Wilson said.

There are many things Wilson said the members of FOEPL do for the library including helping with projects to raise money for

the library and volunteering. In addition, she said she is hoping to start some children's programming at the library, and she will need volunteers to help.

As for what FOEPL has already done for the library, Wilson said Dorsey Trailers donated three computers to FOEPL which in turn donated them to the library. Currently, she said FOEPL pays for the Internet connection to those three computers.

"I generally use FOEPL to do things here at the library that I can't do with my library budget," Wilson said. "If it wasn't for FOEPL, we couldn't pay for the Internet connection on the three computers donated by Dorsey Trailers."

Looking to the future, Wilson said the library has received a

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That progress began some time ago in Covington County, and the idea of four-laning Hwy.

84 is more than a thought in some areas of that county. There are even some sections of the project that resemble the shape of a road. Yet, the questions continued as to when the project would reach Coffee County.

That question was answered a few weeks ago when the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that S.A. Graham Construction Co., Inc. would begin the construction of additional lanes of Hwy. 84 from Covington County Rd. 30 to

Elba. The project is currently trying to get everything cleared along this section of the roadway. Also, he said they are working to get drainage installations in place.

Brown said his company hopes to be through with the dirt and clearing project along this section of the roadway by Spring 2003.

As for the rest of the four-lan-

ing project, Ronnie Baldwin, an official with the Alabama DOT office in Troy, said the DOT is continuing to progress with its right-of-way acquisitions.

He said the next section set for letting will be the area of Hwy. 84 from the Babbie community to the South city limits of Opp that ties into U.S. Hwy. 331 in Opp. He added that November letting should include the section of Hwy. 84 that includes the relocation of the highway around New Brockton.

Baldwin said officials are still working on buying right-of-way along the section of Hwy. 84 reaching from the Curtis community to Coffee County Rd. 364.

"We are having some problems in Elba because of properties purchased by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), but we are working that out," Baldwin said. "Overall, the project is going very well."

Additionally, he said Elba residents might be interested in knowing that the DOT hopes to announce another design hearing real soon. He said this hearing will include the section of the Hwy. 84 project from Hwy. 87 South over to New Brockton.

Once completed, the U.S. Hwy. 84 project will allow motorists to travel a four-lane highway across Alabama from Andalusia to the Georgia State line.

Just across the Covington County line, it is easy to realize that a major highway project is underway. As the photo indicates, construction crews have been working quite some time in this area of Hwy. 84 and are well on their way in creating additional lanes for the highway. In Coffee County, residents have wondered when they will see dirt move, and that question has been answered. The picture in the lower left corner shows where some trees have been knocked down as crews with S.A. Graham Construction have begun clearing land from Covington County Road 30 to Alabama Hwy. 141 near the Curtis Community in Coffee County.

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no decision had been made on when the project would resume.

The decision to close and remove the bridge was made upon the recommendation of the Corps of Engineers.

Elba Mayor James Grimes said the Corps recommended closing and removing the bridge to prevent a break in the levee. He said he realized that the removal of the bridge would be inconvenient to the residents living on Smith Avenue in Elba; however, officials thought it would be better overall to follow the Corps of Engineers recommendation.

In regards to the project, Grimes said the bridge is owned by the state and the city will go along with any decision the state makes concerning the crooked bridge.

Highway Department engineers have been reporting for over ten years that the bridge has "slipped" and any additional slippage could render the structure dangerous. They add that the design of the bridge no longer meets today's engineering standards and it is impossible to bring it up to standard without completely starting over and from different angles, etc.

As of press time, it was still unclear as to why the project had been put on hold and when it would resume.

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

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The removal of the "crooked bridge" in Elba was set to begin Tuesday, Aug. 27, however, before the day was finished the project had been put on hold by state officials. Although Corps of Engineer officials feel the removal of the bridge is necessary to better the levee, the bridge holds great sentimental value to the people of Elba with its unique design and features. The photo on the bottom left shows the road closed Tuesday morning as work began on the project, but DOT officials said the road would be reopened Tuesday afternoon until state officials gave the project a greenlight again.

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Kinston receives grant for ballfield

The town of Kinston was recently awarded a grant, in the amount of \$44,759, from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the construction of a new little league baseball field at the Kinston Complex and for the building of an aquatic playground.

Senator Jimmy Holley (D - Elba) said, "I would like to thank Governor Don Siegelman for making this grant money available for the town of Kinston."

"It is important that we invest heavily in the future of our children," stated Rep. Terry Spicer (D - Elba). "I am confident that the little league baseball field

and the aquatic playground will be thoroughly enjoyed by the young people in the Kinston area. This grant demonstrates the state's commitment to financially supporting all facets of our children's well-being."

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